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TAGS: OVIP (HAIG, ALEXANDER M., JR) CH, US  
SUBJ: SECRETARY HAIG'S TOAST AT WELCOMING  
BANQUET IN BEIJING

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE TOAST (AS PREPARED FOR  
DELIVERY) GIVEN BY UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE  
ALEXANDER M. HAIG AT THE WELCOMING BANQUET HOSTED BY  
CHINESE VICE PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA  
ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 14, 1981, AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE  
PEOPLE IN BEIJING:

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MR. VICE PREMIER, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

YOUR GRACIOUS AND ELOQUENT REMARKS HAVE MADE ME

FEEL TRULY WELCOME.

ON BEHALF OF MY ENTIRE DELEGATION, I WANT TO  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY, UNIQUE IN ALL THE  
WORLD.

NEARLY TEN YEARS AGO, IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO  
VISIT YOUR COUNTRY AND I AM PROUD TO HAVE PARTICI-  
PATED IN THE HISTORIC RENEWAL OF CONTACTS  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
OF CHINA. OUR RAPPROACHMENT WAS BASED ON STRONGLY  
HELD NATIONAL INTERSTS AND THE INTERVENING YEARS  
HAVE CONFIRMED THAT JUDGMENT. CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR  
TWO NATIONS HAVE GROWN; FRIENDSHIP HAS FLOWERED;  
AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE HAS BEEN SERVED. OUR RELATIONS  
ARE NOW FIRMLY BASED ON THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE THAT  
NORMALIZED OUR DIPLOMATIC TIES.

FOUR AMERICAN PRESIDENTS -- INCLUDING PRESIDENT  
REAGAN -- HAVE ATTACHED THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO  
THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS  
WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT. OUR COOPERATION SERVES OUR  
MUTUAL INTERESTS: IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PEACE AND  
STABILITY, NOT ONLY IN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION BUT  
ALSO TO THE WORLD. I HAVE COME TO CHINA IN  
RECOGNITION OF THIS FACT.

CHINESE-AMERICAN COOPERATION IS ALL THE MORE  
IMPORTANT TODAY, WHEN WE CONFRONT SERIOUS THREATS  
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TO PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, YOUR STATESMEN HAVE BEEN  
WARNING OF THE DANGERS OF AGGRESSION FOR SOME TIME.  
YOU HAVE LONG ARGUED FOR CONCERTED ACTION TO PREVENT  
SUCH DANGERS.

PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS PLEDGED THAT THE UNITED  
STATES, WORKING WITH ITS ALLIES AND FRIENDS, WILL  
ACT WITH COURAGE AND CONSISTENCY TO RESIST AGGRESSION.  
IN THIS EFFORT, THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS CHINA TO  
BE A CLOSE AND VALUED FRIEND. OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS  
ARE PARALLEL IN MANY RESPECTS; OUR POLICIES CAN  
OFTEN COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER. WE REGARD CHINA'S  
STRENGTH, SECURITY AND WELL-BEING AS FUNDAMENTAL TO  
THE GLOBAL BALANCE THAT IS THE BASIS FOR OUR OWN  
SECURITY.

THE PRESIDENT IS COMMITTED TO THE STEADY  
STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONS. IT WAS MY HONOR  
TODAY, MR. VICE PREMIER, TO EXPLORE WITH YOU WAYS  
TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE. I LOOK FORWARD TO  
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, BOTH WITH YOU AND OTHER CHINESE  
LEADERS IN THE DAYS TO COME.

IN THIS SPIRIT, I PROPOSE A TOAST:

- TO THE HEALTH OF CHINA'S LEADERS;
- TO YOUR HEALTH, MR. VICE PREMIER; AND
- TO GROWING FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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